

**MULTI-LAYER DISC DRIVE HOUSING STRUCTURE****Abstract of the Disclosure**

Apparatus and method for reducing generation of acoustic noise in a  
5 disc drive. A multi-layer disc drive housing structure includes a housing  
layer, a plurality of rigid damping layers and a corresponding plurality of  
interposed visco-elastic damping layers. Characteristics of the various layers  
are selected by evaluating hypothetical models each having first, second and  
third theoretical layers, at least one of which is a composite layer made up of  
10 multiple layers. Loss factor profiles are evaluated in relation to housing  
layer resonant frequency to provide an optimum multi-layer structure.

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